

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

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Minutes of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club

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April 3, 2004
Munson Room, GW Blunt White
Mystic Seaport

The meeting of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held at the Munson Room on April 3, 2004. Commodore Brooks presided.

The following members were present: Commodore John Brooks, Vice Commodore Neal S. O'Connell, Rear Commodore Robert Geary, Clerk David Nickerson, Secretary Norm Peck, Treasurer Ron Breault, Race Secretary Steve Purdy, Race Committee Chairman Charles Chorlton, Measurer Norm Rabe, Historian John Washborn Jr., Nominating Committee Allen Anderson, Membership Committee Robert Edmands, Past Commodore H. Wes Maxwell, Entertainment Committee Sarah Porter, Past Commodore Frank Bohlen LRRP, Shelter Island Liaison John Lockwood.

The meeting was called to order at 14:45 by Commodore Brooks. The minutes of the January 16, 2004 meeting were duly approved as corrected (corrections 1/16 date, Silvestri, Quite) and add Bob Geary as in attendance.

Vice Commodore report – See Report.

In addition there are 116 paid guests in attendance. Twelve of Sixteen receiving trophies will be in attendance.

The Commodore pointed out that this year a break even cost will result in no subsidizing of the annual dinner.

PC Bohlen brought up the subject of a change of the annual meeting date. The Commodore said he had 3-4 replies to his letter asking opinions of a change, they suggested leaving things as they are. With no other comments the Commodore didn't think there was great ground swell for change. Various mixed opinions were expressed by board members with no real conclusion.

Video was again suggested to encourage participation. Eight old movies are available to show.

PC Bohlen commented about participation being down in other organizations and that it takes continuous effort to keep up attendance. He suggested the individual class chairman be charged with seeing that his group be well represented.



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Rear Commodore – See Attached Copy.

Rear Commodore also brought to our attention that the description of the Melvin D. Southworth trophy is different than the actual trophy. Commodore asked Mr. Geary to investigate and advise the Secretary if any changes need to be made.

Secretary's report – No further communication to report. Commodore called for a moment of silence for the three deceased members: Waldo CM Johnston, E. Morgan Reardon and Robert Worsley.

Treasurer's report – This report was previously emailed to all Board Members. There are 497 members including 7 honorary and 11 new members.

Eight resignations so far this year vs. eleven last year. Names of resigned in Treasurer's report.

The Treasurer commented on two negative letters regarding the wording of the second dues notice. The Treasurer agreed with the comments and to notify the two members. Mr. Breault suggested a smoothing out of our second notice making it less annoying.

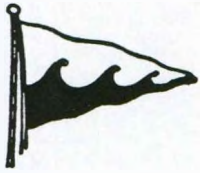
The Treasurer further commented on the coordination of the mailing suggesting a schedule of mailings be made to all board members so they may include their communications with other mailings.

The Treasurer also pointed out that Quality Printing may have used the wrong address disc for the January dues mailing. They have been told to destroy any previous mailing discs upon receipt of a new disc from the Secretary or Treasurer. The disc is updated on a regular basis right up to the mailing date. The Race Secretary supplied Quality with all non members who only receive the race notice and race instructions. These include guest and new members not making the member list.

After a long discussion and explanation of the cost of mailing and Quality's service the Commodore suggested a further review and report at the October meeting.

Historian Washburn, Neal O'Connell and Secretary are continually updating the Historian's records at the Mystic Seaport.

Race Secretary Steve Purdy's report of the race secretary was submitted by Mr. Purdy and is made part of these minutes. A request by the race secretary was made to pass a resolution that multihulls be equipped to the NEMA safety standards and that NEMA handicaps be used without PE. Motion duly made and approved to accept the above recommendation of the race secretary.



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Race Secretary presented the 2005 Schedule of events for approval. A motion was duly made and approved to accept the above recommendation of the Race Secretary. A copy is attached.

Clerk Nickerson – No Report

Commodore Brooks thanked and commended Mr. Rabe for his many years (23) of work on behalf of Off Soundings and the Measurer's position. Mr. Rabe had no report at this time.

Race Chairman C. Chorlton had no report.

Is Noreast ready? Yes

Membership Bob Edmands reported we have 16 applications. 15 of 16 have boats with two more that could make the list.

Five guest invitations were presented for approval:

Gary Doroski - Shadow

Joseph Berendes - Counterpart

John Huff -

Doug Hannah – J80

Tulsa Scott - Valaint

Motion duly made and approved

Peter Reich was presented for reinstatement. Secretary to verify resignation in good standing. Motion duly made and approved subject to resignation in good standing.

A discussion on the pros and cons of reducing the number of seconding and supporting letters required for new number applications. No consensus reached to change the current requirement.

The Commodore directed the Board Members to keep their ears open and report membership consensus to the next meeting.

Measurement – No Report

Protest – No Report

Public Relations – No Report



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Fleet Surgeon – No Report

Entertainment Chairman Sarah Porter is ready to go on Block Island and is looking for a tent sharer.

Greenport report according to her information, the Maritime event occurring the same weekend as Off Soundings is causing a serious problem with docking, housing and food. Those people she has been in contact with that have tried to make reservations have not been successful.

The Commodore agreed that some personal contact must be made with Greenport officials and he, Wes, John and Sarah will pursue getting to Greenport to meet with them.

Planning PC Bohlen spoke of successful lunch meetings and hopes to extend these to two locations next year.

Nominating Committee Chairman PC Allen Anderson presented the 2004 list of nominees for the annual meeting. Same as last year.

Commodore Brooks reported on the progress Bruce Lockwood is making on the Clubs' history. Fifty percent in final form. Seventy five percent in written form. Ninety percent in draft form.

There being no further formal business, motion duly made and approved to adjourn at 16:48.

Respectfully Submitted,

Norman B. Peck
Secretary